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10 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 BROOKE RICHARDS, individually  
13 and on behalf of all others similarly  
14 situated,

15 Plaintiffs,

16 v.

17 LUV N' CARE, LTD. and DOES 1  
18 through 10, inclusive,

19 Defendants.

CASE NO.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL FILED BY  
DEFENDANT LUV N' CARE, LTD.**

[28 U.S.C. §§ 1441, 1446, and 1453]

1 TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT:

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441, 1446, and 1453,  
3 and in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 1367, Defendant LUV N' CARE,  
4 LTD. ("LNC") hereby removes this action—with reservation of all defenses and  
5 rights—from the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, California, to the  
6 United States District Court for the Central District of California. The grounds for  
7 removal are as follows:

### 8 OVERVIEW

9 1. The Complaint seeks to assert claims for false and misleading  
10 advertising in violation of Cal. *Business and Professions Code* § 17200 et seq., false  
11 and misleading advertising in violation of Cal. *Business and Professions Code* §  
12 17500 et seq., violation of Cal. *Civil Code* § 1750 et seq. (Consumers Legal Remedies  
13 Act), and unjust enrichment against LNC based on an allegation that LNC sold sippy  
14 cup products under the NUBY brand name containing organic fluorine. Plaintiff  
15 further alleges that the presence of organic fluorine implicates health and safety  
16 concerns that constitute false and misleading marketing, advertising and promotion.  
17 (Compl. ¶ 1.) LNC denies that its products contain organic fluorine or any other  
18 harmful substance or that any of its actions constitutes false and misleading  
19 marketing, advertising or promotion.

20 2. As explained in detail herein, federal jurisdiction exists in this case  
21 under the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), because the requirements of 28  
22 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d) and 1453 are satisfied and no exception to CAFA's rules for  
23 removal to federal court applies. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1453(b), this action may  
24 be removed by one defendant irrespective of the consent or joinder of any other  
25 defendant.

26 3. This Court also has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28  
27 U.S.C. § 1332(a) because the parties are of diverse citizenship and the amount in  
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1 controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interests and costs.  
 2 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441(b), the citizenship of defendants sued under fictitious  
 3 names shall be disregarded. Therefore, the citizenship of purported Defendants  
 4 “DOES 1 – 10” is irrelevant. Likewise, this matter may be removed without the  
 5 consent or joinder of “DOES 1 – 10” because these fictitious parties are not named,  
 6 have not been served, and their identities are unknown to the named plaintiff.

### 7 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

8 4. On January 5, 2024, Plaintiff Brooke Richards filed a complaint in the  
 9 Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, against LNC, Case  
 10 No. 24STCV00273. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of the  
 11 Complaint.

12 5. The Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles is located within the  
 13 Central District of California. 28 U.S.C. § 84(c). Therefore, removal of Plaintiff’s  
 14 case to this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

### 15 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

16 6. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(1) requires that a notice of removal “be filed within  
 17 30 days after the receipt by the defendant, through service or otherwise, of a copy of  
 18 the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which such action or  
 19 proceeding is based[.]”

20 7. The Complaint was served on LNC on January 11, 2024.

21 8. A true and accurate copy of the summons directed to LNC is attached  
 22 hereto as **Exhibit B**.

23 9. True and accurate copies of the proof of service concerning LNC is  
 24 attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

25 10. This Notice of Removal, filed on February 2, 2023, is therefore timely.

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## THE COMPLAINT'S ALLEGATIONS

11. The Complaint alleges Plaintiff purchased a NUBY branded sippy cup product that allegedly contains chemicals known as Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS). (Compl. ¶¶ 7-10.) Plaintiff further alleges that the purchased sippy cup product contained organic fluorine at 18 ppm, that the presence of organic fluorine implicates health and safety concerns, and that the product packaging does not disclose the presence of organic fluorine. (Compl. ¶¶ 20-22.) Plaintiff further alleges that the failure to disclose constitutes false and misleading marketing, advertising or promotion. LNC denies that its sippy cup products contain PFAS or that it engaged in any false and misleading marketing, advertising or promotion.

12. Based on these allegations, the Complaint pleads claims on behalf of Plaintiff “individually and on behalf of herself and others similarly situated.” The Complaint asserts claims for false and misleading advertising in violation of *Business and Professions Code* § 17200 et seq., false and misleading advertising in violation of Cal. *Business and Professions Code* § 17500 et seq., violation of Cal. *Civil Code* § 1750 et seq. (Consumers Legal Remedies Act), and unjust enrichment.

13. The Complaint seeks an injunction, restitution, punitive damages, attorney fees, recoverable costs, and other damages and remedies. (Compl. Prayer for Relief.)

## BASES FOR REMOVAL UNDER CAFA

14. CAFA provides that a class action against a non-governmental entity may be removed if (1) the number of proposed class members is not less than 100; (2) any member of the proposed plaintiff class is a citizen of a State different from any defendant; and (3) the aggregate amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds \$5,000,000. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). Each of these requirements is met here.



1           **A. Class Claims Satisfying the Numerosity Requirement**

2           15. The Complaint is styled as “a class action” and seeks relief for Plaintiff  
3 as well as for “others similarly situated.” (Compl. Preamble.). The named plaintiff  
4 seeks to represent: “All persons who purchased the Product in the State of California  
5 during the time period of four (4) years preceding the date of the filing of this class  
6 action through the present.” (Compl. ¶ 44.) While LNC does not publicly disclose  
7 its sippy cup sales, based on its records of sippy cup sales to retailers located in  
8 California, there are more than 100 proposed class members.

9           16. All of Plaintiff’s claims constitute “class action” claims for purposes of  
10 CAFA: “a private party may pursue a representative action under the unfair  
11 competition law only if the party ‘complies with Section 382 of the Code of Civil  
12 Procedure,’ [which] mean[s] that such an action must meet the requirements for a  
13 class action.” *Arias v. Superior Court*, 46 Cal. 4th 969, 980 (2009) (quoting *Fireside*  
14 *Bank v. Superior Court*, 40 Cal. 4th 1069, 1092, n. 9 (2007)); *see also* S. Rep. No.  
15 109-14, at 29 (2005), reprinted in 2005 U.S.C.C.A.N. 3, 30 (CAFA “defines the term  
16 ‘class action’ to include representative actions filed in federal district court under  
17 Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as actions filed under similar  
18 rules in state courts that have been removed to federal court.” (Emphasis added).

19           17. As set forth in detail below, (*infra* ¶ 23), even based on a conservative  
20 estimate, the number of claimants that fit within the alleged class definition exceeds  
21 100 class members. Accordingly, CAFA’s numerosity requirement is satisfied here.

22           **B. Diversity of Citizenship**

23           18. The named Plaintiff is an individual who is domiciled and residing in  
24 the State of California. (Compl. ¶ 39). Plaintiff also seeks to represent all similarly  
25 situated individuals, who purchased the Product in the State of California. (Compl.  
26 Preamble & ¶ 44.)

1           19. LNC is a Louisiana corporation with its principal place of business in  
2 Monroe, Louisiana. Thus, LNC is a citizen of Louisiana.

3           20. Accordingly, the “minimal diversity” requirement under CAFA—i.e.,  
4 that “any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any  
5 defendant”—is satisfied for purposes of removal. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A).

6           21. This action does not fall within any of the exclusions in 28 U.S.C. §§  
7 1332(d) and 1446 because LNC is not a citizen of the forum state of California.

8           **C. The Matter in Controversy Exceeds \$5,000,000**

9           22. The Complaint seeks damages on behalf of a class of “others similarly  
10 situated.” (Compl. Preamble.) The Complaint asserts claims for breach of false and  
11 misleading advertising in violation of Cal. *Business and Professions Code* § 17500  
12 et seq., violation of Cal. *Civil Code* § 1750 et seq. (Consumers Legal Remedies Act),  
13 and unjust enrichment. The Complaint does not limit the purported class to residents  
14 of the state of California. However, in California, where the named Plaintiff resides,  
15 the applicable statutes of limitation have not run.

16           23. For the purpose of the amount in controversy, LNC is entitled to assume  
17 that the amount at issue is the amount of LNC’s sippy cup sales in California and  
18 Nationwide. *Lewis v. Verizon Commc’ns, Inc.*, 627 F.3d 395, 400 (9th Cir. 2010)  
19 (“The amount in controversy is simply an estimate of the total amount in dispute, not  
20 a prospective assessment of defendant’s liability.”). LNC does not publicly disclose  
21 its sippy cup sales in any given year. However, based on Plaintiff’s claim for  
22 restitution of the amount paid for the sippy cups, which is the retail price and not  
23 LNC’s selling price, there is more than \$5,000,000 in controversy during the alleged  
24 class period (of at least four years) resulting from LNC’s sippy cup sales, whether  
25 the class limited to California or is Nationwide. LNC is confident that the amount  
26 that the Complaint places in controversy is well over \$5,000,000 for the alleged four-  
27 year time period preceding the filing of the Complaint.

1           24. The Complaint seeks other damages as well, including an injunction,  
2 punitive damages, and attorney fees.

3           25. Accordingly, the amount in controversy for removal under CAFA is  
4 satisfied.

5           **D. No Exception to CAFA Removal Applies**

6           26. No exception to removal under CAFA applies.

7           27. For all the foregoing reasons, this Court has original jurisdiction under  
8 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d), 1441, and 1453.

9           28. Counsel for LNC certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), that LNC  
10 will promptly give notice of filing of this Notice of Removal to Plaintiff through  
11 Plaintiff's counsel of record and will promptly file with the Clerk of the Superior  
12 Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, a copy of this Notice of  
13 Removal.

14           WHEREFORE, providing notice as required by law, the above-entitled action  
15 should be removed from the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles to this  
16 Court.

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18           DATED: February 2, 2024

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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
9 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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**24STCV00273**

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

1. FALSE AND MISLEADING  
ADVERTISING IN VIOLATION OF  
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE  
§ 17200, *et seq.*
2. FALSE AND MISLEADING  
ADVERTISING IN VIOLATION OF  
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE  
§ 17500, *et seq.*
3. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL  
CODE § 1750, *et seq.* (Consumers Legal  
Remedies Act)
4. UNJUST ENRICHMENT

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff Brooke Richards (hereinafter “Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of herself and  
 2 others similarly situated (hereinafter “the Class” or “Class Members”), alleges the following:

### 3 **I. NATURE OF THE ACTION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS**

4 1. This is an important consumer protection class action arising out of the existence of  
 5 organic fluorine in Juvenile products, as that term is defined by Cal Health & Safety Code §  
 6 108945 (c)(1), produced and sold under the brand name “Nuby” that implicate multiple health and  
 7 safety concerns that reasonable consumers would find material, and further false and misleading  
 8 marketing, advertising, and promotion of the company and brand, which by implication is a  
 9 representation that their company is caring and conscientious of the health of babies and children.

10 2. Currently, there is significant public health concern about the materials and chemicals  
 11 used in infants’ and children’s products. In particular, sippy cups, a popular option for children who  
 12 are transitioning from a bottle to an open cup, may expose children to harmful chemicals.<sup>1</sup>

13 3. Thus, there is a continuous incentive for a company such as Defendant to market its  
 14 brand, and thus products and ingredients as conscientious, safe, and thoroughly tried and tested by  
 15 experts for harmful chemicals, hereinafter referred to collectively as the “misrepresentations”.

16 4. Defendant is a manufacturer, distributor, and marketer of a variety of baby and  
 17 toddler products. The Products at issue are the Nuby “Sippy Cup” product line (the “Products”).

18 5. Defendant offers the Products for sale through various channels, including directly on  
 19 Defendant’s website and through third-party retail outlets and internet websites such as Target,  
 20 Walmart, and Amazon.

21 6. Through an extensive, widespread, comprehensive, and uniform nationwide  
 22 marketing campaign, including creating marketing materials pertaining to the Product for third-  
 23 party sellers, Defendant promoted itself as a conscientious company that does not use suspected  
 24 harmful chemicals in its manufacturing process and charges a premium for such claimed standards.

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 28 <sup>1</sup> <https://www.webmd.com/parenting/what-to-know-about-sippy-cups>;  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-department-of-health-warning-childrens-cups-recalled-lead-levels/#:~:text=The%20recall%20impacts%20the%208, and%20Sip%20and%20Straw%20Cups.>

7. Through Defendant's marketing and advertising campaign, Defendant was able to sell the Product to thousands of consumers throughout California and the rest of the United States. The Product is sold individually for prices averaging \$4.00.

8. The Products at issue contain, among other things, PFAS as measured in total organic fluorine.

9. According to the CDC, PFAS are a group of over 9,000 synthetic chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products, worldwide, for over 70 years.<sup>2</sup>

10. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, a class of chemicals known as "PFAS," are highly toxic and highly persistent in the environment. Cal Health & Safety Code § 108981(a).

11. PFAS are referred to as "forever chemicals" because they are extremely resistant to degradation in the natural environment, including the water, the soil, the air, and our bodies, because of their carbon-fluorine bond, one of the strongest bonds known in nature. Cal Health & Safety Code § 108981(b).

12. The California legislature has specifically declared and codified, under California Health & Safety Code § 108981(c), that "PFAS have been linked by scientific, peer-reviewed research to severe health problems, including breast and other cancers, hormone disruption, kidney and liver damage, thyroid disease, developmental harm, and immune system disruption, including interference with vaccines".

13. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) outlines several health effects associated with PFAS exposure, including cancer, liver damage, decreased fertility, increased risk of asthma and thyroid disease.<sup>3</sup> Other studies have associated exposure to PFAS with increased pregnancy losses, disruption in sex hormone homeo-statis and sexual maturation.<sup>4</sup>

14. Under California Health & Safety Code § 108945(C)(1), "Juvenile product" means "a product designed for use by infants and children."

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/pfas/default.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/health-effects/index.html>; see also <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/hsph-in-the-news/pfas-health-risks-underestimated/#:~:text=A%20recent%20review%20from%20the,of%20asthma%20and%20thyroid%20disease.>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2679623/>

1           15. Under the California Health & Safety Code, the presence of PFAS in a Juvenile  
2 product is measured in total organic fluorine and the presence of one fully fluorinated carbon atom.  
3 See Cal. Health & Safety Code § 108945(b)(2)) and § 108945(e).

4           16. Leading science has also directed that identification of organic fluorine in industry  
5 and consumer products has also recently emerged as an indicator that encompasses the total content  
6 of both known and unknown types of PFAS, unlike traditional targeted analyses that can reliably  
7 quantify only a few dozen known PFAS that have commercially available analytical standards.”<sup>5</sup>

8           17. Because of the widespread use of PFAS, they can be found in water, air, fish, and soil  
9 at locations across the nation and the globe. Due to this widespread use, the federal Centers for  
10 Disease Control and Prevention’s National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)  
11 found PFAS in the blood of 97 percent of Americans, suggesting virtually ubiquitous exposure of  
12 Californians to these highly toxic chemicals. This widespread use has also resulted in broad PFAS  
13 dispersal in indoor and outdoor environments, including the PFAS contamination of the drinking  
14 water of approximately 16 million Californians, particularly in disadvantaged communities, of  
15 breast milk, and of indoor and outdoor air. See Cal Health & Safety Code § 108981(e).

16           18. Because PFAS chemicals are “forever chemicals” and accumulate in the human body,  
17 there is no safe manner or level of exposure to humans.

18           19. On June 15, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protections Agency (“EPA”) tightened its  
19 lifetime health advisory levels for two PFAS that are globally widespread contaminants in drinking  
20 water, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). For PFOA, the  
21 recommendation is 0.004 part per trillion (ppt) and for PFOS, 0.02 ppt. <sup>6</sup>These levels are  
22 dramatically more stringent than the 70 ppt that the EPA recommended in 2016 for the two  
23 compounds.

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26 <sup>5</sup> Anna S. Young, Heidi M. Pickard, Elsie M. Sunderland, and Joseph G. Allen; “Organic Fluorine as an Indicator of Per-  
27 and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Dust from Buildings with Healthier versus Conventional Materials” *Environmental  
Science & Technology*. November 4, 2022.

28 <sup>6</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-new-drinking-water-health-advisories-pfas-chemicals-1-billion-bipartisan>



1           20. Plaintiff sought independent third-party testing to determine whether the Products  
2 contained organic fluorine. Plaintiff's independent testing was conducted in accordance with  
3 accepted industry standards for detecting the presence of organic fluorine. The testing  
4 commissioned by Plaintiff confirmed the existence of at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom and  
5 organic fluorine in the Product at 18 ppm.

6           21. The existence of organic fluorine in the Product implicates health and safety concerns  
7 that a reasonable consumer would find material.

8           22. Defendant's marketing or packaging omit and do not disclose the existence of organic  
9 fluorine in the Products.

10          23. In addition, the presence of organic fluorine in the Products directly contradicts  
11 Defendant's representations that the Products are made without any suspected harmful chemicals.

12          24. In addition, Cal Health & Safe Code § 108946 prohibits sales or distribution of new,  
13 not previously owned, juvenile products containing regulated PFAS chemicals.

14          25. Defendant knew, or should have known, of the existence of PFAS or organic fluorine  
15 in the Product. Consumers lack the expertise to ascertain the existence of the true materials,  
16 chemicals and or ingredients including but not limited to organic fluoride in the Product prior to  
17 purchase. Defendant has exclusive knowledge of the materials, ingredients and chemicals in the  
18 Product. Reasonable consumers must, and do rely on, Defendant to advise of materials, chemicals  
19 and or ingredients in the Product that may potentially affect the health and or safety of consumers.

20          26. Plaintiff read, believed, and relied upon Defendant's claims and omissions and  
21 reasonably understood that the Products would not contain any suspected harmful chemicals.

22          27. In reliance on Defendant's claims, Plaintiff purchased the Product she would not  
23 have purchased but for Defendant's false promotion of the Product as being made without any  
24 suspected harmful chemicals. Had Plaintiff and the Class Member known the true nature of the  
25 Product, they would not have purchased the Product, or would not have paid as much for them.

26          28. As such, Defendant has engaged in conduct which violates the California Consumers  
27 Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA"), particularly California Civil Code §§ 1770(a)(5) and 1770(a)(7),  
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1 Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*, Business & Professions Code § 17500, *et seq.* and  
2 Civil Code § 1750, *et seq.*

3 29. On October 2, 2023, Plaintiff effectuated written notice to Defendant pursuant to  
4 Civil Code § 1750, *et seq.*, which set forth Plaintiff's contentions and requested remedy. Plaintiff's  
5 letter was sent via certified mail to Defendant who acknowledged receipt. Defendant rejected  
6 Plaintiff's attempts to address the concerns stated herein.

7 30. Wherefore, Plaintiff, the Class and other California consumers have, among other  
8 things, no adequate remedy at law for the injuries that are currently being suffered and that will be  
9 suffered in the future in that, unless and until enjoined by order of this court, the omission and non-  
10 disclosure of material information that implicates health and safety concerns that a reasonable  
11 consumer would find material and the misrepresentations by Defendant that the Product is not made  
12 with any suspected harmful chemicals will continue and cause great and irreparable injury to  
13 Plaintiff, the Class members and other California consumers.

14 31. Therefore, Plaintiff brings this action challenging Defendant's claims relating to the  
15 Product on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated under California's Consumers Legal  
16 Remedies Act, particularly California Civil Code §§ 1770(a)(5) and 1770(a)(7), Business &  
17 Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*, Business & Professions Code § 17500, *et seq.* and Civil Code §  
18 1750, *et seq.*

19 32. Wherefore, Plaintiff seeks in equity an order compelling Defendant to discontinue the  
20 conduct alleged herein.

21 33. Plaintiff further seeks an order compelling Defendant to restore the monetary  
22 amounts by which Plaintiff and the Class did not receive the value of the Product(s) they paid for  
23 and which Defendant has been unjustly enriched.

24 34. Plaintiff further seeks actual and punitive damages, pre- and post-judgment interest,  
25 attorneys' fees, and costs.

## II. THE PARTIES

### A. Defendant

35. Defendant Luv n' Care, Ltd. is now and at all times herein mentioned was engaged in business under the fictitious name "Nuby" ("Defendant Nuby").

36. Defendant Luv n' Care, Ltd. is the owner and distributor of the Product and is the company that created and/or authorized the omissions and false, misleading, and deceptive advertisements and packaging for the Product alleged herein.

37. Defendant Luv n' Care, Ltd. is a Louisiana corporation existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

38. Plaintiff is further informed and believes and based thereon alleges that DOES 1 through 10 were and/or are, in some manner or way, responsible for and liable to Plaintiff for the events, happenings, and damages hereinafter set forth below. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of certain manufacturers, distributors, and/or their alter egos sued herein as DOES 1 through 10 inclusive are presently unknown to Plaintiff who therefore sue these Defendants by fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave of this Court to amend the Complaint to show their true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that DOES 1 through 10 were authorized to do and did business in Los Angeles.

### B. Plaintiff

39. Plaintiff Brooke Richards ("Plaintiff") is an individual residing in Los Angeles County, California.

40. Plaintiff purchased the Nuby No Spill Super Spout Trainer Cup product within the last year of the filing of this Complaint.

## III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

41. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Plaintiff because Plaintiff resides in Los Angeles County, California and submits to the Court's jurisdiction.

42. Defendant Luv n' Care, Ltd. directly and through its agents, has substantial contacts with and receives substantial benefits and income from sales of the Products from and through the

1 State of California and Los Angeles County. Therefore, Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction  
2 in California based upon sufficient minimum contacts which exist between it and Los Angeles  
3 County, California.

4 43. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to California Civil Code § 1780(d), because  
5 Defendant is doing business in Los Angeles County and Los Angeles County is where a substantial  
6 portion of the transaction that is the subject of the above-entitled action occurred.

7 **V. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

8 44. Plaintiff brings this action on her own behalf and on behalf of all other persons  
9 similarly situated. The Class which Plaintiff seeks to represent comprises:

10 All persons who purchased the Product in the State of California  
11 during the time period of four (4) years preceding the date of the  
12 filing of this class action through the present.

(Referred to herein as “the Class” or “Class Members)

13 Said definition may be further defined or amended by additional pleadings, evidentiary  
14 hearings, a class certification hearing, and orders of this Court.

15 45. Numerosity: Although the exact number of Class Members is uncertain and can  
16 only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, the number is great enough such that joinder is  
17 impracticable.

18 46. Commonality and Predominance of Common Issues: Defendant has acted on  
19 grounds common and applicable to the entire Class and therefore, numerous questions of law and  
20 fact are common to Plaintiff and the Class Members that predominate over any question affecting  
21 only individual Class Members thereby making relief appropriate with respect to the Class as a  
22 whole. Common and predominate factual and legal issues include but are not limited to:

- 23 a. The Products are labeled and packaged the same. Therefore, Plaintiff and the Class  
24 Members were exposed to the same labeling and packaging.
- 25 b. Defendant’s marketing and representations about the Products and to which  
26 Plaintiff and the Class were exposed was the same and therefore common to  
27 Plaintiff and the Class.
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- c. The omissions made by Defendant and to which Plaintiff and the Class were exposed was the same and therefore common to Plaintiff and the Class.
- d. Whether the existence of PFAS or organic fluorine in the Products implicates potential health or safety concerns to Plaintiff and the Class Members.
- e. Whether the omission or non-disclosure by Defendant of PFAS and or organic fluorine in the Products was and is material to Plaintiff and the Class Members.
- f. Whether the representations by Defendant that the Products do are not manufactured with any suspected harmful chemicals was and is material to Plaintiff and the Class Members.
- g. Whether omission or non-disclosure by Defendant of PFAS or organic fluorine in the Product violates the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act, particularly California Civil Code §§ 1770(a)(5) and 1770(a)(7), Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*, Business & Professions Code § 17500, *et seq.* and Civil Code § 1750, *et seq.*
- h. Whether the representations by Defendant that the Product was not manufactured with any suspected harmful chemicals was and is material to Plaintiff and the Class Members were false, deceptive and or misleading in violation of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act, particularly California Civil Code §§ 1770(a)(5) and 1770(a)(7), Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*, Business & Professions Code § 17500, *et seq.* and Civil Code § 1750, *et seq.*

51. Accordingly, the determination of Defendant's liability under each of the causes of action presents legal issue that is common to Plaintiff and the class as a whole.

52. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are co-extensive with those of the Class members as Plaintiff and the Class's injuries and claims arise from the same course of conduct by Defendant as alleged herein.

53. The Class is identifiable and ascertainable. Plaintiff has precisely defined the class based on objective criteria, specifically, "All persons who purchased the Product in the State of California during the time period of four (4) years preceding the date of the filing of this class

1 action through the present.” Notice can be provided to such purchasers using techniques and a  
2 form of notice customarily used in class actions, including direct notice by email to the Class  
3 Members and other California consumers from Defendant’s and third-party retailers records,  
4 internet publication, radio, newspapers, and magazines.

5 54. Adequacy: Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Class because Plaintiff’s  
6 interests are the same as the class in that Plaintiff and the Class were subjected to the same  
7 omissions and misrepresentations by Defendant; Plaintiff intends to prosecute this action  
8 vigorously and completely on behalf of herself and the Class; Plaintiff has retained competent  
9 counsel experienced in prosecuting class actions; and Plaintiff’s interests do not conflict with the  
10 interests of the Members of the Class. Based thereon the interests of the Members of the Class  
11 will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s counsel.

12 55. Superiority: A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and  
13 efficient adjudication of this controversy. Plaintiff and Class Members have all suffered and will  
14 continue to suffer harm and damages as a result of Defendants’ unlawful and wrongful conduct.  
15 The expense and burden of individual litigation would make it impracticable and impossible for  
16 proposed Class Members to afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein and  
17 prosecute their claims individually. Therefore, absent a class or representative action, the Class  
18 Members will continue to suffer losses and Defendant will be allowed to continue these violations  
19 of law and to retain the proceeds of their wrongdoing. Class treatment of common questions of  
20 law and fact would also be a superior method to multiple individual actions or piecemeal litigation  
21 in that class treatment will conserve the resources of the courts and the litigants and will promote  
22 consistency and efficiency of adjudication. Finally, trial on a representative and class basis would  
23 be manageable. Liability may be determined by facts and law common to the Class  
24 Representative and the Class Members and monetary damages or restitution may be determined  
25 by proven and approved methods on a classwide basis.

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

**FALSE AND MISLEADING ADVERTISING IN VIOLATION OF BUSINESS &**

**PROFESSIONS CODE section 17200, et seq.**

56. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs and incorporates the same as if set forth herein at length.

57. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*, on behalf of Plaintiff and a Class consisting of all persons residing in the State of California who purchased the Product for personal use and not for resale.

58. Defendant, in their marketing and advertising of the Products, make material omissions and false and misleading statements regarding the attributes and qualities of the Products, as set forth above.

59. Defendant's business practices, described herein, violated the "unlawful" prong of the UCL by violating California Civil Code section 1573, 1709, 1710, 1711, and 1770, as well as the common law.

60. Defendant knew that the omissions and claims that they made and continue to make about the Product are material, false and misleading.

61. As alleged in the preceding paragraphs, the omissions and misrepresentations by Defendant of the material facts detailed above constitute an unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent business practice within the meaning of California Business & Professions Code section 17200.

62. Defendant's omissions and false, deceptive, and misleading representations played a substantial part, and was a substantial factor, in influencing Plaintiff's and the Class Members' decisions to purchase the Products.

63. Defendant's omissions and false, deceptive, and misleading representations played a substantial part, and was a substantial factor, in influencing Plaintiff's and the Class Members' decisions to purchase the Products.

64. Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury in fact and have lost money or property as a result of Defendant's omissions and false representations.



1           65.     The Products as purchased by the Plaintiff and the Class was and is unsatisfactory  
2 and worth less than the amount paid for.

3           66.     Defendant's wrongful conduct is part of a pattern or generalized course of conduct.

4           67.     All of the conduct alleged herein occurs and continues to occur in Defendant's  
5 business.

6           68.     Wherefore, Plaintiff, the Class Members and other California consumers have, among  
7 other things, no adequate remedy at law for the injuries that are currently being suffered and that  
8 will be suffered in the future in that, unless and until enjoined by order of this court, the non-  
9 disclosure of material information that implicates health and safety concerns that a reasonable  
10 consumer would find material and the misrepresentations by Defendant that the Products were not  
11 manufactured with any suspected harmful chemicals will continue and cause great and irreparable  
12 injury to Plaintiff, the Class and other California consumers.

13           69.     Therefore, pursuant to Business & Professions Code sections 17203 and 17535,  
14 Plaintiff seeks an order in equity from this Court enjoining Defendant from continuing to engage,  
15 use, or employ the practice of falsely marketing and advertising for sale the Products as follows:

- 16           a.     An order compelling Defendant to either stop manufacturing the Products with  
17 organic fluorine; or  
18           b.     Advise Plaintiff and consumers of the existence and potential safety risks of organic  
19 fluorine in the Products; and  
20           c.     An order enjoining Defendant from continuing to promote the Products as not  
21 manufactured with any suspected harmful chemicals.

22           70.     In addition, Plaintiff seeks an order awarding Plaintiff and the Class restitution of  
23 the monetary amounts by which Plaintiff and the Class did not receive the value of the Product(s)  
24 they paid for, and which Defendant was unjustly enriched.



**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

**FALSE AND MISLEADING ADVERTISING IN VIOLATION OF BUSINESS &**

**PROFESSIONS CODE § 17500, et seq.**

71. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs and incorporates the same as if set forth herein at length.

72. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq., on behalf of Plaintiff and the Class consisting of all persons residing in the State of California who purchased the Products for personal use and not for resale.

73. In its advertising of the Products, Defendant knowingly makes false and misleading statements and material omissions regarding the attributes and qualities of the Products, as set forth herein.

74. Defendant knew that it makes material omissions about the Products and the claims that they made and continue to make about the Products are false, misleading, and inappropriate.

75. Defendant's omissions and false, deceptive, and misleading representations played a substantial part, and was a substantial factor, in influencing Plaintiff's and the Class Members' decisions to purchase the Products.

76. Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury in fact and have lost or property as a result of Defendant's false, misleading representations.

77. The Product as purchased by the Plaintiff and the Class is unsatisfactory and worth less than the amount paid for.

78. As alleged in the preceding paragraphs, the omissions and misrepresentations by Defendant of the material facts detailed above constitutes an unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent business practice within the meaning of California Business & Professions Code § 17500.

79. In addition, Defendant's use of various forms of advertising media to advertise, call attention to, or give publicity to the sale of goods or merchandise which are not as represented constitutes unfair competition, unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising, and an unlawful business practice within the meaning of Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 and

1 17531, which advertisements have deceived and are likely to deceive the consuming public, in  
2 violation of Business & Professions Code § 17500.

3 80. Wherefore, Plaintiff, the Class Members and other California consumers have, among  
4 other things, no adequate remedy at law for the injuries that are currently being suffered and that  
5 will be suffered in the future in that, unless and until enjoined by order of this court, the non-  
6 disclosure of material information that implicates health and safety concerns that a reasonable  
7 consumer would find material and the misrepresentations by Defendant that the Product was not  
8 manufactured with any suspected harmful chemicals will continue and cause great and irreparable  
9 injury to Plaintiff, the Class and other California consumers.

10 81. Therefore, Plaintiff seeks an order of this Court enjoining Defendant from  
11 continuing to engage, use, or employ the practice of falsely marketing and advertising for sale the  
12 Product as follows:

- 13 a. An order compelling Defendant to either stop manufacturing the Product with  
14 organic fluorine; or  
15 b. Advise Plaintiff and consumers of the existence and potential safety risks of organic  
16 fluorine in the Product; and  
17 c. An order enjoining Defendant from continuing to promote its Product as not being  
18 manufactured with any suspected harmful chemicals.

19 82. In addition, Plaintiff seeks an order awarding Plaintiff and the Class restitution of  
20 the monetary amounts by which Plaintiff and the Class did not receive the value of the Products  
21 they paid for, and which Defendant was unjustly enriched.

22 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

23 **VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE § 1750, et seq.**

24 83. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs  
25 and incorporates the same as if set forth herein at length.

26 84. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Civil Code § 1750, et seq., the  
27 Consumers Legal Remedies Act, on behalf of Plaintiff and a Class consisting of all persons  
28 residing in the State of California who purchased the Product for personal.

1           85.     The Class consists of thousands of persons, the joinder of whom, is impracticable.

2           86.     There are questions of law and fact common to the class, which questions of law  
3 and fact are substantially similar and predominate over questions affecting the individual  
4 members, including but not limited to:

5           a.     The Products are labeled and packaged the same. Therefore, Plaintiff and the Class  
6 Members were exposed to the same labeling and packaging.

7           b.     Defendant's marketing and representations about the Products and to which  
8 Plaintiff and the Class were exposed was the same and therefore common to  
9 Plaintiff and the Class.

10          c.     The omissions made by Defendant and to which Plaintiff and the Class were  
11 exposed was the same and therefore common to Plaintiff and the Class.

12          d.     Whether the existence of PFAS or organic fluorine in the Products implicates  
13 potential health or safety concerns to Plaintiff and the Class Members.

14          e.     Whether the omission or non-disclosure by Defendant of PFAS and or organic  
15 fluorine in the Products was and is material to Plaintiff and the Class Members.

16          f.     Whether the representations by Defendant that the Products do are not  
17 manufactured with any suspected harmful chemicals was and is material to Plaintiff  
18 and the Class Members.

19          g.     Whether omission or non-disclosure by Defendant of PFAS or organic fluorine in  
20 the Products violates the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act, particularly  
21 California Civil Code §§ 1770(a)(5) and 1770(a)(7).

22          h.     Whether the representations by Defendant that the Products were not manufactured  
23 with any suspected harmful chemicals was and is material to Plaintiff and the Class  
24 Members were false, deceptive and or misleading in violation of the California  
25 Consumers Legal Remedies Act, particularly California Civil Code §§ 1770(a)(5)  
26 and 1770(a)(7).

27           87.     The policies, acts, and practices heretofore described were intended to result in the  
28 sale of the Product to the consuming public and violated and continue to violate § 1770(a)(5) of

1 the Act by representing that the Product has characteristics and benefits, which it does not have.  
2 In doing so, Defendant intentionally misrepresented material facts.

3 88. Defendant's omissions and claims about the Products lead people to believe that the  
4 Product has attributes and qualities which it does not have.

5 89. Defendant knew that the omissions and the claims concerning the Products'  
6 purported attributes and qualities were false and or misleading and material to the Plaintiff, the  
7 Class and other California consumers' purchase decisions.

8 90. Defendant's actions as described hereinabove were done with conscious disregard  
9 of Plaintiff's, the Class and other California consumers' rights.

10 91. Defendant's false, deceptive, and misleading omissions and representations played  
11 a substantial part, and was a substantial factor, in influencing Plaintiff's decision to purchase the  
12 Products.

13 92. Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury in fact and have lost money or property  
14 as a result of Defendant's false representations.

15 93. The Product as purchased by the Plaintiff and the Class was and is unsatisfactory  
16 and worth less than the amount paid for.

17 94. On October 2, 2023, Plaintiff effectuated written notice to Defendant pursuant to  
18 Civil Code § 1750, *et seq.*, which set forth Plaintiff's contentions and requested remedy. Plaintiff's  
19 letter was sent via certified mail to Defendant who acknowledged receipt. Defendant rejected  
20 Plaintiff's attempts to address the concerns stated herein.

21 95. Wherefore, Plaintiff, the Class members and other California consumers have, among  
22 other things, no adequate remedy at law for the injuries that are currently being suffered and that  
23 will be suffered in the future in that, unless and until enjoined by order of this court, the non-  
24 disclosure of material information that implicates health and safety concerns that a reasonable  
25 consumer would find material and the misrepresentations by Defendant that the Products are not  
26 manufactured with any suspected harmful chemicals will continue and cause great and irreparable  
27 injury to Plaintiff, the Class and other California consumers.  
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1           96.     Therefore, pursuant to § 1780(a) of the Act, Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief in the  
2 form of an order enjoining the above-described wrongful acts and practices of Defendant,  
3 including, but not limited to:

- 4           a.     An order compelling Defendant to either stop manufacturing Product with organic  
5                 fluorine; or  
6           b.     Advise Plaintiff and consumers of the existence and potential safety risks of organic  
7                 fluorine in the Product; and  
8           c.     An order enjoining Defendant from continuing to promote the Product as  
9                 sustainable, safe, and free of harmful chemicals.

10          97.     In addition, Plaintiff seeks damages, punitive damages, restitution, attorney's fees  
11 and costs for these violations of the CLRA.

12                                 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

13                                 **RESTITUTION BASED ON UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

14          96.     Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in the preceding  
15 paragraphs and incorporates the same as if set forth herein at length.

16          97.     By its wrongful acts and omissions as alleged above, Defendant was unjustly  
17 enriched at the expense of Plaintiff and the Class.

18          98.     It would be inequitable and unjust for Defendant to retain any profits, benefits  
19 or other money it obtained from Defendant's wrongful conduct.

20          99.     Accordingly, the law implies a contract by which Defendant is obligated to  
21 make restitution to Plaintiffs and the Class.

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**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, prays for judgment and relief on all Causes of Action as follows:

**FIRST AND SECOND CAUSES OF ACTION**

1. An order enjoining Defendant from the practices complained herein;
2. An order certifying that the action may be maintained as a Class Action;
3. For an award of restitution in an amount according to proof at trial;
4. For an award of attorney fees pursuant to California Civil Code § 1021.5.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

1. An order enjoining Defendant from pursuing the practices complained of;
2. An order certifying that the action may be maintained as a Class Action;
3. For an award of restitution in an amount according to proof at trial;
4. For an award of punitive damages pursuant to California Civil Code § 1780(a)(4);
5. For an award of costs of this suit pursuant to California Civil Code § 1780(e);
6. For an award of attorney fees pursuant to California Civil Code § 1780(e) and or California Civil Code § 1021.5.

**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

For an award of restitution in an amount according to proof at trial;

And such other and further relief as the Court may deem necessary or appropriate.

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all triable issues.

DATED: January 4, 2024

STEVENS, L.C.

By:



Paul D. Stevens  
Attorneys for Plaintiff and the Class

## **EXHIBIT B**

SUM-100

# SUMMONS

## (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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(SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

### NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

LUV N' CARE, LTD. and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive

### YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

BROOKE RICHARDS, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

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NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): STANLEY MOSK / CENTRAL

111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

CASE NUMBER:  
(Número del Caso):

24STCV00273

David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Paul D. Stevens, Stevens, LC 1855 Industrial Street #518 Los Angeles CA 90021 (213) 270-1215

DATE: 01/04/2024  
(Fecha)Clerk, by J. Covarrubias, Deputy  
(Secretario) (Adjunto)

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### NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

- ☐ as an individual defendant.
- ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
- ☒ on behalf of (specify): Luv N' Care, LTD.  
under: ☒ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)  
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)  
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)  
☐ other (specify):
- ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

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# **EXHIBIT C**

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address) Stevens LC Paul Stevens SBN 207107 1855 Industrial St Apt 518 Los Angeles, CA 90021 TELEPHONE NO: FAX NO (Optional): E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): pstevens@stevenslc.com ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff		FOR COURT USE ONLY  <b>Electronically FILED by          Superior Court of California,          County of Los Angeles          1/12/2024 11:09 AM          David W. Slayton,          Executive Officer/Clerk of Court,          By M. Arellanes, Deputy Clerk</b>
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PLAINTIFF: Brooke Richards		
DEFENDANT: Luv N' Care, LTD., et al.		
<b>PROOF OF SERVICE</b>		CASE NUMBER: 24STCV00273

1. At the time of service I was a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age and not a party to this action, and I served copies of: Complaint, Declaration of Paul D. Stevens, Esq. Re: Venue Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code 1780(d), Summons on Complaint, Civil Case Cover Sheet, Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location, Notice of Case Assignment - Unlimited Civil Case, First Amended General Order re: Mandatory Electronic Filing, Alternative Dispute Resolution Information Package, Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations

2. Party Served: LUV N' CARE, LTD.
3. Person Served: JOSEPH HAKIM, Registered Agent
4. Date & Time of Delivery: January 11, 2024 at 2:05 pm CST
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.



Joey Cruse

Date: January 12, 2024

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